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CATEGORIES:

Oct. 6, 1960

Special Group MONGOOSE Presidential Authorization

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OCCURRENCE: (cont.)

including some Germans in this group and that we would talk informally to General Gehlen about it. He emphasized that he was asking for no Special Group approval at this time in this specific connection."



SOURCE:

Minutes of Special Group meeting October 6, 1960 Cage

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STAFF:

DATE: Bob Kelley
June 29, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Peter Grace 🗸

DATES:

Dec. 5, 1960

CATEGORIES:

Mongoose Special Group

OCCURRENCE:

The Special Group discussed (1) the possible of providing sixty

thousandadollears from the Cuba budgets

(2) a proposal to survey the possibility of establishing a strike base in Nicaragua; (3) the necessity for the Defense Department to supply 38 military men to CIA. "Mr. Douglas questioned whether the present concept of 600 or 700 Cubans is any longer practicable. He said that it had been his understanding that the current thinking contemplated figures more on the order of 3,000." Mr. Barnes replied that the CIA believes what is required is enough individuals to serve as a rallying point for the anti-Castro elements in Cuba and thus 600 is as useful as 3,000. The CIA justified the request for 38 military men because it now believed it was necessary to train the Cubans in infantry tactics involved in a defense, in addition to the guerrilla warfare training previously contemplated.

SOURCE:

Special Group meeting minutes Dec. 5, 1960

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show that within the He understood them to be CASTRO has a notation that on 16 August 1960 of Cuban cigars to be treated with a Chief, Operations Division, Office of A Three Line In Nivers cigars 1960) and gave him the box of next month he contacted Medical Services, EDWARD GUNN, ethal material. favorite brand.

with Botulinum Toxin, a virulent poison," (21) which would although they do not indicate to whom, recalls "that he did contaminate a full box of 50 cigars chiefas notes showed delivery of the box on kill the intended victim upon merely putting it in the February mouth. (22)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(See the 13 names listed below)

APPROXIMATE DATES: FEB. 1961

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C. P. CABELL, DDCI RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P

NAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security the case officer

Chemical Division, TSD ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD

ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4

EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

countered repeatedly in this inquiry SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, Special Assistant to but he denies knowing of the operathe DD/P (GOTTLIEB's name was en-

WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, FI/D

ROBERT BANNERMAN, DD/Security tion in 1960-61.

J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He too denies knowing of the operation at the time.)

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CATEGORIES CASTRO

DATES:

which introduces the on assassination plotting in relation to FIDEL CASTRO that the only written records which served as a basi Notes of William Harvey; Records of Dr Office of Medical Services; and, brief records of The memorandum of April 25, 1967 Some operational Report:were: of TSD).

information given to us orally by people who's memories are fogged were also used. General's office reliea upon the Inspector For the most part

by time.

knowledgeable, with the exceptions of MR. DULLES and GENERAL CABELL. there are significant innaccuracies in the Report A complete list of the interviewees is attached to the IG Report "We interviewed everyone whom we could identify as likely to be

they are most likely to occur in faulty ordering of the sequence

of events,"

Report 1967

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CATEGORIES:

Zoobewa Harvey Bissell

Kennedy, Robert
HALPERN

Det of of the

Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Halpern testified that in the fall of 1961 he attended a meeting with Bissell and the chose was the Branch Chief (8). The meeting occured in the middle of Octo of 1961. Bissell stated at the meeting that he had recently "been chewed out in the cabinet room of the White House by both the President and the Attorney General form as he put it, sitting on his ass and not doing anything about getting rid of Castro and the Castro regime. His orders to both the compand to me for to plan an operation to accomplish that end. (3) Halpern testified that no limitations were put on the term "get rid of". Nothing was forbidden (8). The meeting involved only general discussions and not tactics.

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CATEGORIES:

Halpern (Bissell

Gen Lansdale

Oct 1961

Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Shortly after the meeting with Bissell Hapern, and color were introduced to Gen Lansdale who was the new Chief of Operations for an effort to remove the Castro regime. The initial meeting was concerned with only organizational matters.

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Helms

Harvey

MCCONE

Dec 1961

Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Sometime in Dec of 1961, described to Walpern a meeting at the director's office in which McCone had stated that Melms would henceforth "be his man on Cuba." (13) Reguley told Halpern that Delas had no inkling that he swould be appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime of Some soperations and directed that Cuba would be a separate activity and no Longer part of the EW Division (14).

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CASTRO's eye, load it with an explosive triggerate blow when the shell was lifted DESMOND FITZGERALD originated a scheme to assassinate CASTRO: "The idea was to taken an unusually spectacular sea shell that would be certain to catch ITZGERALD explored this idea at several sessions with SAM HALPERN and and submerge it in an area where CASTRO often went skin diving."

But it was ultimately dismissed as impractical. (77).
DISCOVERY LEADS: Note: There is no indication that FITZGERALD told anyone above him in the CIA hierarchy of this plan.

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EDWARDS

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May 23, 1967

CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

IG REPORT

BISSELL

KING, J. C.

The following sources of information were used in preparing the IG REPORT of 1967: (1) Files: Furnished for review by the Director of Security, the Deputy Director for Support, the General Counsel, the Legislative Counsel, the Chief of WH_Division, and by Col. J. C. KING, former Chief of WH Division. Also, the Director of Central Reference furnished biographic files and intelligence publications. (2) Interviews: Desmond Fitzgerald, Sam Halpern, Bruce Cheever, J. C. King, Alfonso Rodriguez, J. D. Esterline, Edward Gunn, Howard Osborn, James O'Connell, Sidney Gottlieb, Sheffield Edwards, Richard Bissell, Lawrence Houston, Ray Freich Ver, John Warner, Neston Sanchez, William Harvey, Cornelius Roosevelt, Robert Bannerman, Henry Bortmen, Richard Ober.

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Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE

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From Lansdale re: Operation MONGOOSE, June 27, 1962 (00399-SOURCE: 00400) FILE:

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SPECIAL

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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CATEGORIES

EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE

MRVEY testified that QJ.Win was an agent that he considered for possible use and used for a for the spotting of individuals with criminal and underfor possible multipurpose use, none of whom were ever advised of imited period through WRNGED SINGNE (50) Or were ever used. world connections in Eur the use.

So far as HARVEY could recall K.J.Win was used only once in connection with an operaassessment and cross checks. As far as he knew, the particular spotting mechanism never went When-IMRVEY.was.asked.if—the-multipurpose—use—included—assassination; he-stated—that—14 He testified that before someone would have actually been approached to carry out that operation, there would have been a long period of he had ever been directly ordered to perform an assassination, he would have considered the (51) tion in the Congo, which was not an assassination operation. neople spotted by K.J.Win as possibilities. (50) that far.

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTINGMA TIME 25, 1975, pp

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STAFF: Rhea

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Helms, Richard Harvey, Mr.

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

Castro

OCCURRENCE: Helms testified that he does not recall whether he sclected Harvey to head the Cuban operation, but that he did certainly approve Harvey's selection. Prior to receiving the commitment Harvey had been in charge of a staff in the foreign intelligence staff whose function was to mount operations against dembassies and tinstallations of foreign powers overseas to acquire codes

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Helms 6/13/75

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STAFF:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY, William

HARVEY testified that during World War II he worked on counterespionage matters with the FBI, having entered the Bureau as a Special Agent in 1940. He continued in that job until 1947, when he joined the CIA as the head of the Soviet Intelligence Branch. Between 1947 and 1952, he worked on Soviet counterespionage and special operations in the Department of Plans. Between-1952-and 1959, he was in Berlin as Chief of Station for the CIA. He was instrumental in the Berlin tunnel operation. In 1959, he became Chief of the Foreign Intelligence Staff Division, D. This is the Division which is responsible the communications intelligence Operations-of-Staff D included the surreptitions obtaining of code inkommittion.

SOURCE:

HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, pp. 5-9

STAFF: Rhea

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:
JARVEY, William

LUMUMBA

CATEGORIES

DATES

OCCURRENCE

ectives of which was the elimination of PATRICE LUMARBA. HARVEY testified that then the Deputy Director of Plans (DD/P) to undertake an operation in the Congo, one Incame to him and said that he had been approached by RICHARD BISSELL, who Istold him that he had declined to undertake this assignment. INRVEY testified that he worked with a man called MUSTE that (0) DONNE of the was.

HARVEY testified that he subsequently had a conversation with BISSELL, in which BISSELL stated that he had requested ONDONNELL to undertake such an operation. HARVEY testified that he did not know about any steps undertaken on behalf of the Agency in connection with any proposals to eliminate LUMUMBA.

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975 (pp. 9-10)

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given to the question of how, whether and under what circumstances the DCI should be to specific targeting clarified that the wording of the memo probably meant that consideration should be One portion of the notes (57) Harvey testified that he did not know whether the DCI was advised, le testified that this matter would have been he should never be advised that he had been asked to create a capability for Executive Action and had taken officially advised of his program, "I want to make it clear that this in no way "Be within KUBARK, one focal point for control, search, training, case certain steps to have an assessment of assets in that connection. (57) officering, etc. -- GDP authority in this focal point mandatory. meeting in January of 1961, concerning Executive Action. means he should be advised. He should not be advised, OCCURRENCE: Harvey was asked about Sofrigh: HARVIY TESTIMONY, June 🚜, or specific operation or specifi brought up again at any time tM ne should always be advised." advised?" stated,

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HARVEY

DATES:

<u>CATEGORIES:</u>

Jan 26, 1961

EXECUTIVE ACTION

ZR Rifle

OCCURRENCE:

Harvey's hadwritten notes entitled Project Zrriffle (exhibit 1) state "Óbjectives". The objectives of this project is the procurement of code decipher materials; and information concerning such materials; and accordance with requirements levied on the clandestine services, primarily by the WAA security agency. Since these requirements are subject to frequent revision, no listing of targets would be valid for the duration of the project. Specific operations will be mounted on the basis of need and opportunity. The Project will be conducted by division of with assistance from area divisions and stations as needed. (exhibht 1)

Harvey testified that his notes didnot cite assassination or assassination capability as an objective of project Zrriffle. However, assassination was a contemplated purpose of the project. If an agent had been recruited for assassination he would have been recruited under the cover of tobtaining code and cipher materials.) (49)

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Harvey 6/25/75

STAFF:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HARVEY

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

Jan 26, 1961

EXECUTIVE ACTION

TO ZRRIFLE

OCCURRENCE:

The notes in Harvey's handwriting entitled Project Zrriffle state "3. Background: In response to the increasing requirements for the operational procurement of foreign code and cipher materials, division 10 in 1960 began spotting of agent assets as a developmental activity. During the same period requirements from NSA became more refined and in many respects more sentative because most agencies are not equipped to conduct this type of operation, and because of the desirability to completely centralize control over this entire effort, it was determined that division d which was the closest touch with NSA on procurement requirements, could best conduct the activity. The spotting activity has now advanced far enough to justify removing from the OOA category. (exhibit 1, page 1 - 2)

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CATEGORIES: EXECUTIVE ACTION 26 Jan. 1961 DATES: PERSONS/ENTITIES: OCCURRENCE: BISSELL, Richard W111iam INRVEY

MARVEY testified that he learned early in the operation that BISSFIL had discussed the question of assassination with ARNOLD

MARVEY testified that he had a conversation with MRNOLD SIEVER about the EXECUTIVE ACTION project on January 26, 1961, after HARWEY and BISSELL had already discussed the matter.

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OCCURRENCE: Harvey testified that he had a conversation with Amold Silver about the EXECUTIVE ACTION CATEGORIES: DATES: 1/26/61 PERSONS/ENTITIES Bissell, Richard Harvey, William Silver, Amold

Thad already discussed Harvey testified that he learned early in the operation that Bissell had Project on January 26, 1961, after Harvey and Bissell era (52) discussed the question of assassination with with the matter (52). Executive Action



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Harvey 6/27/75

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HARVEY 🗸 K. G. WIN

1961 Jan. 26.

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DATES:

EXECUTIVE ACTION

(1) personnel: K.G. Win is under written contact as a principal agent, with the pr perational Assets Harvey's handwritten notes eneitled Project Zrriffle state OCCURRENCE

narcotics operation into the United States.—For aperiod of a year and a half he was Hire of safe houses and other the Bureau of Narcotics. of the Luxembourges by the chief of station, Luxembourg, in connection with ill of this Bureau reflect an excellent performance by K. G. Win. In October 1960: ask of spotting agent candidates. K.G. Win was first contacted in 1958 to the contacted spareatically by COS, Luxembourg, in behalf of K. G. Win annual salary \$7,200

Fees for services by and standby of agents and agent candidates \$2,000 other agents and agent candidates \$2,000

Travel and OBS expenses for K. G. Win and

Travelogf chaff employees engaged in Arriffle \$2,000

(Harvey Exhibit 1, pages 1 - 3)

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Total \$14,700

automobile expenses \$1,000

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CATEGORIES: 10P SECRET 12 RR1 EXECUTIVE ACTION, ¥ 1961 BRECKENRIDGE, S HELMS, Richard JUNE IN PERSONS/ENTITIE BISSELL, Richard HARVEY, William Patrice

operation in the Congo (the assassination of PATRICE LUMNABA) to be The EXECUTIVE ACTION program authorized by BISSELL and run by WILLIAM HARVEY "came to be know as ZRRIFLE. Its principal asset was an agent, QJWIN, who had been recruited earlier by MARINGE JUSTIN OF DOWNELD & COLDONNELLY made a survey of the scene, decided he wanted no part in that assassination attempt, and asked to be released -- which BISSELL granted.)" (38) run by

EARWAN's cover memorandum the ribbon copy, which was the only text of the report in existence, 🛧 BRECKENRIDGE indicated to the Committee that this phrase was crossed out by RICHARD HEIMS when phrase in the above paragraph "(the assassination of PATRICE LUMUMBA)" was crossed out. S. NOTE: In the copy of the I.G. REPORT provided to the Committee, which was, according to he read the report. Why?

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I.G. REPORT 1967, p. 38	
SOURCE: I.(

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

BRECKINRIDGE, SCOTT

HARVEY, WILLIAM

DATES:

2/61

CATEGORIES:

CASTRO

EXECUTIVE ACTION/ZRRIFLE

OCCURRENCE: Breckinridge testified that from his review of the files of Project ZRRIFLE, the "controlling character" (80) of the Project was to stead codes rather than to develop the capability for assassination. (30)

Breckeinridge testified that on the face of the documents relating to Project ZRRIFLE, the Project was only directed at stealing codes. The fact that it related to developing the capability to assassinate came out in interviews with William

Harvey. (81)

FILE:

SOURCE: BRECKINRIDGE testimony, 6/2/75

STAFF: WALLACH

DATE: 7/5/75

BISSELL, Richard GOTTLIEB, Sidney February 1961
WHITE HOUSE
SERVEY (HARVEY'S roughter)
SERVINGE
SETTIMATE (HARVEY'S roughter)

OCCURRENCE

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CASTRO

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i.e.,

(37) BISSELL assigns to HARVEY / developing of "an EXECUTIVE ACTION capability; a general stand-by capability to carry out assassinations when required."

"HARVEY's notes quote BISSFLL as saying, 'The WHITE HOUSE has twice urged me to create such capability BISSELL recalls discussing the question of developing a general (37) a capability.' with HARVEY."

"HARVEY says that BISSELL had already discussed certain aspects of the problem with ARMORDS SERVER and with SIDNEY GOTTLIEB." (37-38).

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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HELMS, Richard

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

OCCURRENCE: (continued from card 1)

HARVEY used SERVER developing the EXECUTIVE ACTION capability (38).

Sometime shortly after this initial meeting, and while HARVEY was still discussing the development of EXECUTIVE ACTION with BISSELL, "he briefed Mr. HEIMS fully on the general concept but without mention of the then on going plan to assassinate CASIRO. Rugs states this



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I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 37-38

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The I.G. REPORT identified the following persons who knew, in late 1960 10. CMILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, FI/D or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO:

GEN. C. P. CABELL, DDCI RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P

JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security, SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security the case officer

RAY TREICHLER, Chemical Division, CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD

ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4

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but he denies knowing of the opera-ROBERT BANNERMAN, DD/Security tion in 1960-61.)

countered repeatedly in this inquiry

the DD/P (GOITLIEB's name was en-

Special Assistant to

SIDNEY GOTTLIEB,

J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He too denies knowing of the operation at the time. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services

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(See list of names below.)

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KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II

CARD 1 of 3

5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in was having meetings with members of the gambling OCCURRENCE: The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY Those with knowledge of PHASE II are: OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security (He knows that Harvey took over the RICHARD HEIMS, DD/P

syndicate in 1962.) 6. * BRUCE CHIEVER HARVEY's deputy in 1962

and

operation and delivered pills, arms, equipment in April 1962. He-does-not know of developments after May 1962.

CHEEVER CONSTRUCT HARVEY was meeting with Eansters in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.)
7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.)

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HANVEY, but states he knows nothing of

developments thereafter.

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cont: the purpose for which the SHACKLEY,

ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader limited to furnishing the pills -to-0'CONNELL-on-18-April_1962. ticipation was

(He presumably was not aware of government sponsorship.)

VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was presumably not aware of government's role.)

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connection, but may not have identified probably knew there was a government MACEO, ROSELLI'S "Man" (MACEO

CIA as the agency.

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Zoobev Harvey Bissell

Kennedy, Robert
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Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Halpern testified that in the fall of 1961 he attended a meeting with Bissell and the Glose was the Branch Chief (8). The meeting occured in the middle of Octo of 1961. Bissell stated at the meeting that he had recently "been chewed out in the cabinet room of the White House by both the President and the Attorney General form as he put it, sitting on his ass and not doing anything about getting rid of Castro and the Castro regime. His orders to both the company and to me for to plan an operation to accomplish that end." (3) Halpern testified that no limitations were put on the term "get rid of". Nothing was forbidden (8). The meeting involved only general discussions and not tactics.

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Halpern 6/18/73

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Malpern Halpern Helms Harvey -

MCCONE

Dec 1961

Castro

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office in which MtCone had stated that Melas would henceforth "be his man on Cuba." (13) Togber told Malpern that Melas had no inkling that he swould be appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime after the meeting Melas came to the office, chekeed into the organization of the Cuban operations and directed that Cuba would be a separate activity and no longer part of the VIII Division (14).

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MARVEY, LANSDALE

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Memorandum for William Harvey, CIA, from Lans-Impact Actions, 19 June 1962 (00395) dale, re: SOURCE: FILE:

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MCCONE, HARVEY, RUZ

DATES:

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July 1, 1962 May 1062 CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Efforts were made to establish contact with Juana Castro Rug, half sister of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruz, because she opposed the strong Communist nature of the Cuban regime. According to Mrs. Vinginia Leitao de Cuba, she contacted Ruz and obtained Ruz agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban Communist regime, "short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm to be abnothers Raul and Fidels." Arrangements were being made for direct recruitment of Ruz in Mexico.

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Juana Castro Ruz, 10 July 1962 (02561)

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"stating that the original justification HARVEY writes a memorandum to the Chief for employing QJWIN no longer existed."

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A complete list of the interviewees is attached to the IG Report likely to occur in faulty ordering of the sequence "If there are significant innaccuracies in the Report they are most of events." at Tab A.

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